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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF EGYPT

IPF:(1987-91) $39 432 000

(EGY/86/013 - Control of Brucellosis to Increase Milk Production

Date of approval:	January 1988
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed executing agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MOA)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$819 700 Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	Nil
Third-party cost sharing:	Nil
Previous UNDP contribution:	Nil
Total UNDP budget:	$819 700

Project background

A serious increase in the incidence of brucellosis has been diagnosed in recent years in Egypt resulting in grave economic losses (L.E. 80 million per year) and health problems to both the animal and human population. The increased spread of the disease is attributed to its importation with foreign cattle. High rates of infection exceed 90 percent on some instances and with over 40 percent of animals aborting during a single season. At the same time, the MOA aims at increasing milk production by 159 percent and protein availability by 50 percent by the year 2000, by improving the productivity of existing herds.

To this end, UNDP assistance has been requested by the Government to determine appropriate courses of action to contain the current outbreak of brucellosis and protect against its resurgence in the future.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) develop the necessary infrastructure; (b) improve laboratory techniques (more than one serological test is required to ascertain all the infected animals in a group; (c) train laboratory and field pesonnel in the examination and the field collection of samples, transportation to laboratories and accurate reporting of results to all concerned; and (d) establish the necessary legislation to control livestock movements to prevent spreading of the dideases and reinfection.

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Inputs

UNDP will provide an expert (epizootiologist) (15 man-months); consultants on field training (three man-months), laboratory training (one man-month), antigen production (one man-month); administrative support; training for two epizootiologists (12 man-months), a field veterinary for field organization (three man-months), a laboratory veterinary for brucellae diagnosis (three man-months), antigen production (three man-months); ten vehicles, equipment and laboratory supplies; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	206 400
Subcontract	–
Training	173 500
Equipment	408 100
Miscellaneous	31 700
Total	819 700

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